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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims replaces all previous listings of claims in the application.

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Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Previously presented) A process for producing a catalyst for gas-phase oxidations, the process comprising: applying a suspension of TiO₂ and V₂O₅ particles to a fluidized inert support, wherein at least 90% by volume of the V₂O₅ particles have a diameter of 20 μm or less and at least 95% by volume of the V₂O₅ particles have a diameter of 30 μm or less.
- 2. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein at least 90% by volume of the V₂O₅ particles have a diameter of 15 µm or less and at least 95% by volume of the V₂O₅ particles have a diameter of 20 µm or less.
- 3. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein at least 50% by volume of the V_2O_5 particles have a diameter of more than 2 μm .
- 4. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the suspension further comprises one or more elements selected from the group consisting of cesium, phosphorus and antimony source.
- 5. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the <u>catalyst</u> includes a catalytically active composition comprises comprising from 1 to 40% by weight of vanadium oxide, calculated as V₂O₅, and from 60 to 99% by weight of titanium dioxide, calculated as TiO₂.
- 6. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 5, wherein the catalyst includes a catalytically active composition further comprises; comprising, based on the total amount of catalytically active composition, up to 1% by weight of a cesium compound, calculated as Cs, up to 1% by weight of a phosphorus compound, calculated as P, and up to 10% by weight of antimony oxide, calculated as Sb₂O₃.

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7. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 2, wherein at least 50% by volume of the V_2O_5 particles have a diameter of more than 2 μ m.

- 8. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 2, wherein the suspension further comprises one or more elements selected from cesium, phosphorus and antimony source.
- 9. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 2, wherein the <u>catalyst</u> includes a catalytically active composition emprises comprising from 1 to 40% by weight of vanadium oxide, calculated as V_2O_5 , and from 60 to 99% by weight of titanium dioxide, calculated as TiO_2 .
- 10. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 4, wherein the <u>catalyst</u> includes a catalytically active composition comprises comprising from 1 to 40% by weight of vanadium oxide, calculated as V_2O_5 , and from 60 to 99% by weight of titanium dioxide, calculated as TiO_2 .
- 11. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the suspension further comprises a cesium compound, a phosphorus compound and antimony oxide.
- 12. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 11, wherein the catalyst includes a catalytically active composition comprising:

1-40% by weight of vanadium oxide, calculated as V_2O_5 , and from 60 to 99% by weight of titanium dioxide, calculated as TiO_2 ;

up to 1% by weight of a cesium compound, calculated as Cs, up to 1% by weight of a phosphorus compound, calculated as P; and

up to 10% by weight of antimony oxide, calculated as Sb₂O₃.

13. (Previously presented) A catalyst prepared by a process comprising:

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providing a suspension of TiO_2 and V_2O_5 particles, wherein at least 90% by volume of the V_2O_5 particles have a diameter of 20 μm or less and at least 95% by volume of the V_2O_5 particles have a diameter of 30 μm or less;

and providing a fluidized support in a stream of flowing gas, and contacting the fluidized support with the suspension of TiO₂ and V₂O₅ particles to provide a supported catalyst, wherein the supported catalyst further comprises up to 1% by weight of a cesium compound, calculated as Cs, up to 1% by weight of a phosphorus compound, calculated as P, and up to 10% by weight of antimony oxide, calculated as Sb₂O₃, based on the total weight percent catalyst.

- 14. (Currently amended) The catalyst according to claim 13, further comprising an outer layer with an Sb₂O₃ content by weight that is 50% to 100% lower than the Sb₂O₃ content by weight of an inner layer of the supported catalyst.
- 15. (Currently amended) The catalyst according to elaim 1, claim 13, wherein the flowing gas is at a temperature of from 60°C to 150°C.